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The Honorable George Mahon
United States Congress
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Mahon:

I greatly appreciate your courteous and thoughtful letter of 23 October. Last Saturday morning, when the report came to me that the House position was sustained and that the law would not provide funds for the building, I was naturally disappointed.

We are planning to resubmit the project as soon as possible, and I am greatly pleased that you will give me an opportunity to appear and discuss the problem with you and your committee.

Kindest regards,

Very truly yours,

Signed

Walter E. Smith
Director

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House of Representatives
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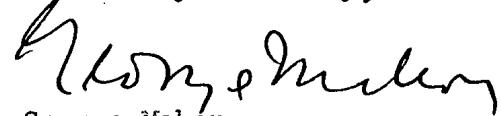
Dear General Smith:

You will recall the action of the House in denying funds for a certain classified project involving a building for the Central Intelligence Agency. The Senate included funds for the Agency, but in conference the House position was sustained and the Conference Report which will become the law does not provide funds for the building for which you were interested.

When a Public Works program is again submitted to the Committee, I can assure you that the Committee will be glad to give the matter consideration and we will be glad to have you appear and discuss the problem with us.

Kindest personal regards.

Yours very cordially,


George Mahon

cc: Assistant Secretary of Defense
Honorable W. J. McNeil